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I think the DOJ blew it. You didn't even go into the Operating Systems arena, where you could have nailed Microsoft to the wall.

I think that microsoft should not be allowed to restrict an OEM's option to sell machines with other pre-installed Operating Systems.

That has hurt the general public more than any browser issue could. The Netscape browser has not advanced since version 3. If they had focused on it, instead of complaining about Microsoft, they would still be a valid alternative.

Microsoft has done more for the industry than any other software company. But they need to be reined in.

How that is done, I'm not sure. Opening their "trade-secret" licenses. I'm sure IBM and Gateway would be willing to work with the DOJ on opening that up, provided Microsoft did not retaliate as they did to IBM years ago when they refused to stop selling OS/2.

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